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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN PRESS TREATMENT OF ISRAELI USE OF
- U.S. WEAPONS IN LEBANON

1. OF MAJOR CAIRO DAILIES APRIL 7, ONLY AHAM DEVOTED
PROMINENT COVERAGE TO STATEMENT BY SECRETARY VANCE TO
CONGRESS RE ISRAELI USE OF U.S. WEAPONS IN LEBANON,
BANNER HEADLINING "AMERICA ACCUSES ISRAEL OF VIOLATION
OF 1952 AGREEMENT". TEXT ACCURATELY CARRIED SECRETARY'S
STATEMENT THAT ISRAEL "MAY" BE IN VIOLATION OF AGREEMENT.
AHAM ALSO NOTED THAT, IN VIEW OF ISRAELI PLEDGES TO
WITHDRAW FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON AND ONGOING EFFORTS TO
PUSH FORWARD PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, DEPARTMENT NOT RECOM-
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MENDING ANY ACTION TO PRESIDENT CONCERNING POSSIBLE
VIOLATIONS. PAPER IMPLIED VANCE STATEMENTS INTENDED AS
RATHER GENTLE PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO REMOVE FORCES FROM
LEBANON.

2. EDITORIALY, AHAM UNDERLINED EGYPTIAN BELIEF THAT
STATEMENT CONCERNING POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF 1952 AGREE-

MENT DOES NOT GO FAR ENOUGH. RECALLING DECISION IMPOSE
ARMS EMBARGO ON TURKEY AFTER 1974 CYPRUS INVASION, PAPER
STATED "WE SHOULD EXPECT A MORE CLEAR-CUT AND DECISIVE
STAND IN THIS INSTANCE."

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH EGYPTIANS PLEASED AT IMPLIED
THREAT POSSIBLE ACTION, GOE UNLIKELY BE COMPLETELY
SATISFIED UNLESS ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL APPEARS IN FACT TO
BE PROCEEDING SWIFTLY. MANY WILL QUESTION WHETHER
RELATIVELY MILD USG EXPRESSION OF CONCERN WILL PROVE
STRONG ENOUGH TO ACHIEVE THIS. EILTS

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